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In re application of

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For: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, DNAs ENCODING THE SAME AND USE THEREOF

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three (3) months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of September 24, 2002 to March 25, 2002, as March 24, 2002 was a Sunday.

A check for the statutory fee of \$920.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy

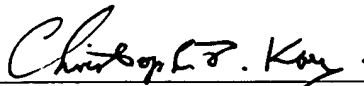
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